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1. WE WOULD CONCUR THAT JULY 1 DISCUSSION WITH ECEVIT
ON GREEK REINTEGRATION SHOULD BE TAILORED TO TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT DEVELOPMENTS OVER LAST WEEK. NEVERTHELESS, WE
BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT TURKS HAVE A CLEAR APPRECIATION
BEFORE THE JULY 4-5 ELEKDAG-THEODOROPOULOS MEETINGS OF
U.S. SUPPORT FOR EARLY GREEK REINTEGRATION. WE WISH TO
WARD OFF, BOTH DURING THIS EXCHANGE AND IN BRUSSELS, A

RIGID TURKISH POSITION FROM WHICH IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO RETREAT LATER. WE HOPE TO ENCOURAGE ECEVIT TOWARDS A SHARED APPRECIATION OF THE VALUE OF GREEK REINTEGRATION.

2. YOUR APPROACH SHOULD THEREFORE BE INCLUDED AS ONE ELEMENT IN THE MEETING YOU HAVE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 1 WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ON A NUMBER OF OTHER SUBJECTS. YOU SHOULD SEEK TO KEEP THE DISCUSSION OF GREEK REINTEGRATION

IN GENERAL TERMS, ALTHOUGH YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT YOU ARE EXPRESSING VIEWS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT. YOU SHOULD USE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT GENERAL HAIG HAS COMPLETED HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH GENERAL DAVOS ON THE REINTEGRATION OF GREEK FORCES INTO THE NATO MILITARY STRUCTURE, AND HAS FORWARDED AN ASSESSMENT TO BRUSSELS.

B. WE HAVE HEARD THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS AGREED UPON BY GREECE PROVIDE A WORKABLE FRAMEWORK FROM THE MILITARY POINT OF VIEW.

C. THE UNITED STATES REGARDS SUCH PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE AS IN THE INTEREST OF THE ENTIRE ALLIANCE.

D. WE FIRMLY SUPPORT GREEK REENTRY AND HOPE THAT TURKEY
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AS WELL WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THAT GREEK REINTEGRATION AND THE CONSEQUENT STRENGTHENING OF THE SOUTHEASTERN FLANK IS IN TURKEY'S INTEREST AS WELL AS IN THAT OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE.

E. WE HOPE THAT TURKEY WILL CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT BY GENERAL HAIG WITH GENERAL DAVOS.

F. WE WOULD ALSO HOPE THAT TURKEY COULD AVOID A RIGID OR PREMATURE REACTION BEFORE THERE HAS BEEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE GREEK RESPONSES CAREFULLY.

3. IF SPECIFIC QUESTION OF EMBARGO-REINTEGRATION LINKAGE ARISES, YOU SHOULD INDICATE TO ECEVIT THAT A NEGATIVE TURKISH ATTITUDE ON PROGRESS TOWARDS GREEK REENTRY COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF STRENGTHENED U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH RECOGNIZING POLITICAL REALITY IN TURKEY AND ELSEWHERE, U.S. WOULD OPPOSE NEGATIVE LINKAGE BETWEEN THE EMBARGO AND GREEK REINTEGRATION INTO NATO. VANCE

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